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NOTE VERBALE DATED 18 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 14 and 17 February 1994, there appear to have been eight flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are annexed to the present note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,397.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(14-17 February 1994)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
				[14 February: no violations reported]	
1412	15 Feb.	1120	1410	The flight began as an approved MEDEVAC by a white helicopter with red and blue markings and a red cross, from Divulje to Kiseljak and return. The flight became a violation when it landed at Split airport and unloaded 19 healthy passengers prior to proceeding to the Split hospital. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Various Slow Various
1413	15 Feb.	1120	1419	The flight began as an approved MEDEVAC by a white helicopter with blue markings and a red cross, from Divulje to Kiseljak and return. The flight became a violation when it transported 11 unauthorized passengers to Kiseljak. The helicopter was also observed, by AWACS, deviating from its flight plan 16 kilometres south-west of Gornji Vakuf. The helicopter turned south and flew to the coast where contact was lost. Contact on the helicopter was later regained heading towards Split. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Various Slow Various
1414	15 Feb.	1150	1258	United Nations military observers observed a white helicopter, with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and underneath, flying from Zenica to the south-east. A short time later the same helicopter was observed returning to Zenica from the south-east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east and north-west Slow Low
1415	15 Feb.	1940	2024	AWACS made radar contact 5 kilometres south-east of Posusje heading north. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with a helicopter. The helicopter proceeded north to Vitez and then turned south towards Posusje. Contact was lost 5 kilometres south-west of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North then south 93 knots 5,200-11,000 feet
				[16 February: no violations reported]	
1416	17 Feb.	0930	0931	UNPROFOR personnel observed a camouflage helicopter flying over the railway tracks in Zenica heading south. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South Slow Low

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1417	17 Feb.	0940	1510	The flight began as an UNPROFOR-approved MEDEVAC by an olive green helicopter with Serb flag and red cross markings, from Pale to Zvornik. It became a violation when it deviated from its flight plan by departing from Zvornik, destination unknown, and returning 2 hours and 24 minutes later rather than returning directly to Pale as was approved. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east then south-west Slow Low
1418	17 Feb.	1032	1033	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white helicopter with a blue stripe circling in the vicinity of Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Circling Slow Low
1419	17 Feb.	1540	1545	NATO fighter aircraft made radar contact 30 kilometres north-east of Posusje, heading north-east. The fighter aircraft were unable to make visual contact and contact was lost 13 kilometres south-east of Gornji Vakuf. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-east 120 knots 4,000 feet